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Superboard Chided *Blue:*

Decision Postponed

The Cammarian Club overwhelmingly passed a resolution last night criticizing the handling of the recent CIA sit-in case by the UCSA.

Although the resolution stated that the Club was not "questioning the decision of the UCSA" or "any of the Deans or Council members," the resolution said

"We do not feel that strict enough attention was paid to the rights of the accused students both before and during the hearing," the resolution stated.

Introduced by William F. Lloyd '69, and passed 19-2-5, the resolution qualified itself by saying the Club was "not questioning the decision of the UCSA" or "any of the Deans or Council members."

During the debate those who spoke for the resolutions, stressed that the club was interested in assuring the legal rights of the students. In line with this desire they felt the club should express its disappointment with the confusion surrounding the first case handled by the Superboard.

Ira Magaziner '69 mentioned for example, the confusion over the specific charges against the demonstrators. Elliott Maxwell '68 stressed during the debate that the Cam Club was expressing its concern that there was less than satisfactory attention paid to the procedures during the hearing, and the club stressed that it was urging that the Superboard work to clear up its problems in future work. During the debate there was isolated mention of irregular conduct by some members of the board during the hear-

ings. Some speakers mentioned intoxication and entering the hearings late, but these charges were challenged by several speakers. Douglas Hurley '71, for example, expressed doubts as to the propriety of the resolution itself, when he said the available sources of information on the closed hearings were limited to the accused students, the defense and the BROWN DAILY HERALD.

During debate Robert Cohan '68, also introduced resolutions that questioned the justice of dismissal as a punishment for an action such as the CIA sit-in. He argued that the verdict "in effect" put the entire university on probation by serving notice that actions such as those of the students who sat in would "under normal circumstances warrant dismissal." This ruling, he observed, sets a dangerous precedent. Mr. Cohan's resolution was overwhelmingly defeated as most members felt the question and specific types and degrees of punishment should be dealt with as a separate matter.

Speaking of this, Richard Moore, '68 noted that the UCSA had to weigh the consequences of setting up formal legal rules which would make it liable to civil law against the merits and disadvantages of preserving an intimate and informal procedure in which the board works out solutions to cases.

The club also voted to request from the university a student activities budget of \$73,235. This figure includes a request of \$14,400 for the Brown-Pembroke chorus, which sum will be requested separately.

The fate of Scot Blue, assistant professor of psychology, who recently appeared before the Tenure Committee of the faculty, now lies in the hands of President Heffner. Since neither Mr. Blue nor the committee requested a formal faculty committee to consider the case, the decision falls to the President.

Mr. Blue as yet has not heard from Dr. Heffner. He stated that "considering his (President Heffner) position in this situation, I don't expect a quick reply."

According to Mr. Blue, he had a "very nice chat" with the members of the committee, who, he said, were "satisfied with my answers."

"I would be quite surprised if I were dismissed," he continued, "both surprised and dismayed." He stated that he understood the "cornered" position which President Heffner is in. "There is no such thing as 'disciplinary probation' for faculty members," he concluded.